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Art Roehrig, left, was the Deaf-Blind conference coordinator.



Robert Smithdas is director of Community Education with the Helen Keller Center.



Deaf-Blind Convention held

Providing greater educational opportunities, public and social services for the deaf-blind was a primary goal of those who gathered here June 20-27 to participate in the Sixth National Open Convention for Deaf-Blind Persons.

About 400 people from almost every state plus parts of Canada congregated on Kendall Green to discuss how the American Association of the Deaf-Blind can provide greater service, to listen to representatives of other organizations and to participate in social activities planned during the week.

About 150 convention participants were deaf and blind. Another 250 persons were volunteer interpreter-guides who participated in a two-day training workshop June 18 and 19. Another 100 persons accompanied the deaf-blind participants to Washington.

Gallaudet was the host, for the first time, of the convention, which was also jointly sponsored by the American Association of the Deaf-Blind and the Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults.

Art Roehrig, director of the Hearing-Vision Impaired Programs in Gallaudet's Division of Public Services, was responsible for planning the week's activities and expressed the hope that the convention would help the AADB grow and expand. The AADB is the only organization that serves deaf-blind people, and during the week the group explored the possibility of AADB becoming a member of the American Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities (ACCD) to enable deaf-blind persons to have greater political influence. The ACCD is a coalition of organizations for the handicapped. "We want to know how we can become a member of a bigger organization that can represent us to the federal government and watch over legalities which can affect us," explained Roehrig.

Roehrig, along with Dennis Schreiber, president of the AADB and Dr. Robert Smithdas, director of Community Education at the Helen Keller Center, welcomed participants at the opening of the meeting June 22.

During the week, several speakers from other organizations explained the purpose and goals of their groups. They included Al Pimentel, executive director of the National Association of the Deaf; Reese Robrahn, executive director of the American Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities; and Durward McDaniel, national representative of the American Council of the Blind. Dr. McCay Vernon, professor at Western Maryland College and last year's Powrie V. Doctor Chair, spoke to the group on political aspects of deaf-blindness. Speaker at the banquet held during the week was Susan Flowers, director of the Community Partnership of the International Year of Disabled Persons.

In addition to lectures and AADB meetings, the week included time for social activities, such as tours of the campus, trips to Mt. Vernon, Arlington National Cemetery, the National Cathedral, the Smithsonian Institution, the White House and national monuments. Evenings provided the opportunity for socializing on campus. The week ended with a farewell picnic on Faculty Row.

Conference participants received letters of support from the mayor of the District of Columbia, the U.S. Council for the International Year of Disabled Persons and Gallaudet President Edward C. Merrill, Jr. Special braille maps of campus were prepared for the visitors, and all program information was also printed in braille.

Although this was the Sixth National Open Convention for Deaf-Blind Persons, it was only the second national convention for the American Association of the Deaf-Blind, which is only two years old. The AADB presently has about 200 members around the country and hopes to grow and expand to meet the needs of deaf-blind people throughout the nation.



Warehouse Supervisor Harry White (off center) keeps track of people's purchases.



Purchasing Manager John Hartman kept the action going as auctioneer.

Auction response is enthusiastic

Gallaudet's open auction held June 16 in the old Edward Miner Gallaudet library building drew enthusiastic response from participants and netted almost \$2,000 for the College.

It was the first time an open auction has been held on campus. Usually surplus equipment is sold by sealed bid. The purpose of the auction was to get rid of surplus equipment in the old library building before renovation.

Bookshelves, chairs, desks and file cabinets were among the items sold. The best buy may have been typewriters which went for a dollar; the most expensive item sold was an antique oak desk that went for \$305.

Auctioneer John Hartman anticipates holding another auction at the end of the summer to sell other surplus equipment from the warehouse. Funds from the auction go into the general institutional account at Gallaudet.



Bidding for some items at the auction was competitive at times.



Support Services Cashier Joyce Brown, center, walked off with the top bid of the day, a \$305 oak desk.

Kendall students graduate

Families, faculty, staff and friends gathered in the MSSD auditorium to congratulate 10 Kendall Demonstration Elementary School students who graduated on Wednesday, June 17.

Mrs. Agnes Padden, a 1942 graduate of Kendall and the first Kendall girl to receive a bachelor's degree from Gallaudet College, presented the Commencement address. Padden is assistant professor of English at Gallaudet, has two children who attend Kendall and now serves on Kendall's Policy and Advisory Council.

Mrs. Delores Hall, first vice president of the Kendall Home and School Or-

ganization, presented awards to students Lisa Farmer and Bob Seremeth.

After the presentation of certificates by Dean Mike Deninger and Principal Ken Tiktin, a group of Middle School students performed the song, "Kendall School Days" written by KDES instructor Don Mahoney.

The 10 graduates, who will be attending MSSD in the fall, are Richard Chapman, Lisa Farmer, James Gardner, Tina Hall, Renee Hines, Regina Ratiff, Robert Seremeth, Adrian Sheppard, Robert Wilkins and Michael Worrell.



Kendall School graduates in the receiving line are congratulated by other Kendall students.

Sponsored R&D

Grant/contract deadlines

Provided below are application deadlines of selected federal programs that offer potential grant or contract opportunities for Kendall Green faculty, staff and graduate students. More details on programs of interest can be obtained from Glenn Pfau, Office of Sponsored Research, x5030 (voice or TDD).

Deadline Program

- 07/10/81 OHDS—Model Projects on Aging
- 07/15/81 OSE—Journalists Analysis of Media and the Handicapped
- 07/15/81 NSF—Forum for Citizens—Sciences, Conferences, and Workshops
- 07/20/81 HHS—Projects of National Significance in Development Disabilities
- 08/13/81 ED/NIE—Organizational Education Processes
- 09/15/81 NEH—Humanities Research Conferences
- 10/10/81 OSE—Handicapped R & D Programs: Student Research Grants
- 10/15/81 OSE—Handicapped Early Childhood Assistance
- 10/15/81 OSE—Handicapped Personnel Preparation
- 10/25/81 NSF—Mathematical Science

- 11/03/81 OSE—Model Programs for School Aged Handicapped Children
- 11/08/81 OSE—Handicapped and High-Risk Youth

CDC proposal submitted

The Office of Outreach Programs, within Gallaudet's Pre-College Programs, has submitted a proposal to the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, GA for a "Comprehensive Health Education Program for Parents of Deaf Children." The 30-month project, scheduled to begin in January, 1982, would be directed by Jinny Johnson.

The program includes a language communication component, a common core health attitudes and coping skills component and specific health areas in nutrition, exercise, safety, stress management, immunization, smoking and alcohol and substance abuse. The proposal, in the approximate amount of \$300,000, would involve MATHTECH, Inc., as a major subcontractor assisting with certain aspects of curriculum development.

Among those involved on the project from Kendall Green would be Della Fitz-Gerald, Richard Sinatra, Donald Moores, Pamela Getson and Max Fitz-Gerald. Gallaudet would expect to hear on whether or not the submission was successful by September or October, 1981.



Father Jerry Trancone (back row, center) of the Office of Campus Ministries gathers with participants in Gallaudet's Clergy Training Program, who ended their three-week training on campus last Friday. Gallaudet has offered the training program for clergy and religious educators in preparation for ministry to deaf individuals since 1971. This summer's program was sponsored by the College for Continuing Education and the Office of Campus Ministries.



New appointments made at KDES

KDES Dean Mike Deninger has announced the appointment of Janice Welborn as Pre-School supervisor and Angela Bednarczyk as Primary School supervisor.

Welborn has been acting Pre-School supervisor this past year and Bednarczyk has been a Middle School teacher who this past year was assigned to a special project on sex education.

Deninger also announced the appointment of four persons as language arts facilitators. Martha Mason and Flo Vold will fill these positions at the

Preschool and Primary level, and Leslie Lewis and Lynn Erting will be the Elementary and Middle School language arts facilitators.

Welborn to speak on radio show

Kendall Pre-School Supervisor Janice Welborn will be a guest speaker on radio show "Teen Talk," to be aired July 5 at 6 p.m. on WPFM-FM (89.3).

Welborn, who was interviewed by 12-year-old blind reporter Fred Jones, Jr., will discuss deafness and Kendall.

"Teen Talk" explores the world of handicapped adolescents—their needs, ambitions and desires.

Among Ourselves

Sy DuBow, legal director and Sheila Conlon, staff attorney, both from the Law Center, participated in the 2nd Annual National Institute on the Legal Services of Educating the Handicapped on May 11. The two, who spoke on the meanings of appropriate placement for handicapped children, participated in the Institute at the invitation of The Education of the Handicapped Law Reporter in Rosslyn, VA.

Gerilee Gustason, chairperson of the Department of Education at Gallaudet, is president-elect of the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf (CAID).

Gallaudet branch of Riggs Bank open for business in Ely Center

Gallaudet's new Riggs National Bank branch in the Ely Center opened June 15 with possibly the first deaf tellers in the United States. Since its opening, the branch has been flooded with applicants for new accounts—between 20 to 30 each day, according to Gertrude Gabel, Gallaudet branch bank supervisor.

As a result of its training of deaf tellers and its work with the Gallaudet branch, and in commemoration of the International Year of Disabled Persons, Riggs Bank was presented with the Private Employer of the Year award by the United Black Fund at a June 19 luncheon held at the Sheraton.

Riggs was nominated for this award by Frank Jefferson of the DC Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, who was aware of Riggs' effort in working with the deaf community and deaf employees.

Robert Hileman, senior vice president of the Metropolitan Division of Riggs, who accepted the award for the bank, said this was the first time Riggs had hired deaf tellers. He also said two Gallaudet computer science students have recently been hired in the Riggs computer center downtown.

The College was represented at the luncheon by Bill Varrieur, director of Experiential Program off Campus, Anne Nissen, assistant director of EPOC and Lottie Riekehof, chairperson of the Department of Sign Communication.

"We consider the College and ourselves partners in this venture," said John Stacey, vice president for Personnel Operations at the Riggs Metropolitan Division. "We are working together to make it a success."

"It's going to open a whole new career for Gallaudet students and deaf students," said Varrieur of the hiring of the new tellers. The EPOC office laid the groundwork and worked with Riggs in the hiring and training of the new tellers. Two, William Mideleer and Twila Turner, are recent Gallaudet graduates who will be working full-time as tellers; three others, Carol Caragliano, Stephanie Hamilton and Raphael Glower, are still students and will work part-time.

Varrieur said that Riggs supervisors came to the EPOC supervisor workshop last fall. The EPOC office also interviewed and screened students for the teller positions and worked out the course to train them. The new tellers went through a four-week training pro-

gram in May.

Riggs staff trainer Elaine Skelton and several other bank employees took a short sign language course before the teller class began. Varrieur had suggested that the trainers and bank employees needed primarily to learn words they would need to use at the work site, so based on words used frequently at the bank, the EPOC office picked out the appropriate vocabulary. The Department of Sign Communication, under the direction of Lottie Riekehof, worked out the vocabulary and developed some signs for banking terms which did not already have signs.

The Riggs branch at Gallaudet provides all regular banking services, including the benefit of free checking accounts. It also offers savings accounts, personal money orders, traveler's checks and acceptance of local utility bill payments. Interest on checking is provided for \$1,000 minimum balance.

Persons who have checking accounts with Riggs also have access to the 24-hour teller machine for deposits and withdrawals. Through the teller, you can withdraw either \$20 or \$40 at one time.

Office hours of the new branch are from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The telephone number of the Riggs branch is 624-1511 (the whole number must be dialed).

The Student Bank will continue to cash personal checks for faculty and staff up to a maximum of \$40 through July 10, 1981. Arrangements are being made with Riggs Bank to cash all checks and there will be an announcement on this subject prior to July 10.

With the opening of the Riggs facility, the Student Bank, in the basement of College Hall, is becoming a Cashier's Office and will no longer provide student banking services or check cashing services for faculty and staff after July 10. The Cashier's Office will cash petty cash vouchers and advances, prepare and distribute paychecks and will accept payments to the College such as tuition, traffic fines and deposits that are to be credited to the departmental budgets as income. They will continue to conduct the MSSD student bank for MSSD students only. They will also continue to sell Macke tokens to dorm RAs and to sell Metro subway cards for senior citizens and handicapped persons. For questions about the Cashier's Office you can contact JoAnn Demirkan, Student Bank supervisor, at x5174.



Many people have already opened accounts at Gallaudet's new Riggs Bank branch.

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Folklife festival ends this week

Washington's 15th annual Festival of American Folklife continues this week through July 5 on the grounds of the Washington Monument.

This year's festival is of special interest to deaf and hearing and impaired people since one of the festival's eight featured areas is on "Folklore and Folklife of the Deaf." This area will give visitors the opportunity to learn more about deafness, enjoy the jokes, stories, pastimes and dramatic performances and for deaf people from the area to share their experiences of growing up deaf.

The free outdoor festival will be continuing from July 1-5 between the hours of 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. each day.

Special workshop sections in the area of "Folklore and Folklife of the Deaf" include "Growing Up Deaf," "Being Deaf in a Hearing World," "Deaf Folklore Sampler" and "Interpreters and Interpreting." Other presentations will feature drama by deaf actors, storytelling and courses in American Sign Language and non-verbal communication. Films about deaf culture will be shown and interpreters will be available.

In the special children's area at the festival, two MSSD teachers, Marcia Freeman and Alyce Newkirk, will be working as interpreters to make all performances and craft activities accessible to deaf children and their families. A group of MSSD students traveled to the festival June 24th to enjoy the activities. Of special interest in the children's area will be a group called "Learning Horn Productions" which will present a deaf awareness play and workshop with hearing impaired young people. This group will be on the children's area stage on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 1:30 p.m., on Saturday at 2:30 p.m., and on Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

A display illustrating various aspects of deaf tradition will also be set up at the festival and will include a history of signaling devices used by deaf people to communicate.

The Festival of American Folklife is sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution and the National Park Service. The Washington Monument grounds are at 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW.



A film crew from London, England, was on campus recently to do a story on deafness for British television. Sharon Hodge, a senior, standing behind the woman in the wheelchair, was one of several people interviewed for the program.

Graduates write from India

Note: Following is a letter written by two recent Gallaudet graduates, Lisa Jacobs and Robert Lewis, about their work in India during the past several months. The letter, a copy of which was sent to President Merrill, was written to Dr. James Garrett of the World Rehabilitation Fund, Inc., the group that gave the graduates \$5,000 to work for about seven months with deaf Indians. Jacobs and Lewis will be completing their work in July.

Namaste! This is a Hindi word meaning "Hello." It has been three and a half months since we have been in India, so here is our "mid-report" about our work here.

The first one and a half months was mostly a learning experience for us and to allow us to get adjusted to India's customs and cultures. We learned a lot about their way of life in general, deaf people's needs—areas of strengths and weaknesses, what and how they eat, and getting used to the tropical climate. After learning so much and getting ideas of how we could best use our knowledge and experiences, we were ready to roll up our sleeves and work.

We gave an introductory workshop to about 90 deaf Indians when we first arrived. We talked about our background, our experiences, the deaf in America, and the International Year of Disabled Persons (how to best take advantage of it). This was our first time learning and using Indian Sign Language so it was a good opportunity for

us. Indian Sign language and American Sign language have different signs so it is a new language for us to learn. I.S.L. uses the two handed alphabet fingerspelling whereas A.S.L. uses one hand.

We have more recently given two Leadership Training Programs. The first was in Bangalore for local deaf residents. The second was in New Delhi on a nation wide basis. This was the first Leadership Training Program of its kind to be offered to the deaf all over India.

We have started English classes as a continuing education for the deaf adults. We have a total of four classes and about forty students. The students have expressed their gratitude in having this wonderful opportunity to improve their English, especially from us as we are deaf like them.

Right now we are in the middle of the 10 days Leadership Training Camp for the Deaf teenagers. It has begun on Monday, May 11, 1981, and will end on the 20th. We have a total of 18 participants from Bangalore, Kerala, and Bombay. It is turning out very well as of now.

We have been planning future programs for after the Teenage Camp. They include: Parents/Teachers (of the Deaf) Forum which is scheduled for May 30th and 31st, intensive five days sign language classes from June 8th-12th, a visit to Calcutta to visit their programs and services for the Deaf from June 13th to 25th, and make a few visits to nearby cities to present a LTP and visit their programs and services for the Deaf.

We have invited to several families' homes for lunch/dinner/tea. We enjoy visiting their homes because we can see how the Indian deaf person/family live. Usually a home consists of two or more generations, so it is interesting to see how the deaf person is accepted as a member of a large Joint hearing family. We always receive a warm welcome from those families.

Many thanks for your generous donation of \$5,000 to both of us so as to enable us to help the deaf Indians. This experience and service to the deaf of India would not have been possible if we had not received the financial help from you and your organization (ed-World Rehabilitation Fund, Inc.). We really appreciate it very much. . . .

Sincerely,
Lisa Jacobs
Robert Lewis



Betsy Rodriguez (fourth from left) and Eli Savanick (second from right) with the International Center pose with visitors from the Hamburg Association of the Deaf in Germany who are on campus for a month, through July 11, to gather information about interpreter training and interpreter referral services. The German visitors hope to establish an interpreter training program in Hamburg.

Jobs Available

STAFF

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CAREER COUNSELOR: Counseling & Placement
DIRECTOR OF ANNUAL FUND: Office of Development
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ASST. MANAGER, ENERGY CONSERVATION: M&O Administration
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FOR SALE: 1976 LaSabra, two door. For more information call Ethelyn DeStefano, x5400.

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FOR SALE: Peugeot bicycle, silver, very good condition. \$200. Call Suzanne at x5387 voice or TDD.

FOR SALE: One-way train ticket from Washington, DC to Boston on Amtrack. Half regular price. Call immediately (703) 243-6398 (voice only) or write to P.O. Box 560, Campus Mail. Ask for Maureen Kelly.

New TDD

The Student Accounts Office has a new MCM/TDD number. It is x5447.